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**FORMER BLOCKBUSTER EMPLOYEE PLEADS GUILTY TO  
USING CREDIT/DEBIT CARD TERMINAL TO COMMIT WIRE FRAUD**

SACRAMENTO--United States Attorney McGregor W. Scott announced that Ronald B. Moseley, 48, of Indio, California, pleaded guilty today to two counts of wire fraud before United States District Judge Morrison C. England.

According to Assistant United States Attorney Phillip A. Talbert, who is prosecuting the case, in 1998, Wherehouse Music acquired a number of stores from Blockbuster Music, including its Redwood City store, where Moseley was employed. Moseley acknowledged that, during the change-over to Wherehouse Music, he took home two terminals used at the store to process credit and debit card transactions by telephone, and from August 1998 to June 2001, he used one of the terminals 191 times to cause credits to be made to his own checking accounts. The credits, which were in amounts ranging from approximately \$300 to \$900 each, were charged against the accounts of Blockbuster Music, Wherehouse Music, and Blockbuster Video, for a total of \$135,472.97. Although each call Moseley made with the terminal used a merchant identification and authorization number for one of the companies' stores, Moseley did not have the companies' approval to use the terminal to credit his own accounts.

Moseley is scheduled to be sentenced on November 18, 2003. The maximum sentence Moseley faces on each count is five years of incarceration, a three year period of supervised release, and a fine of \$250,000. Additionally, the court can order Moseley to make restitution to the victims of the fraud.

This case is the product of an investigation by the United States Secret Service.

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